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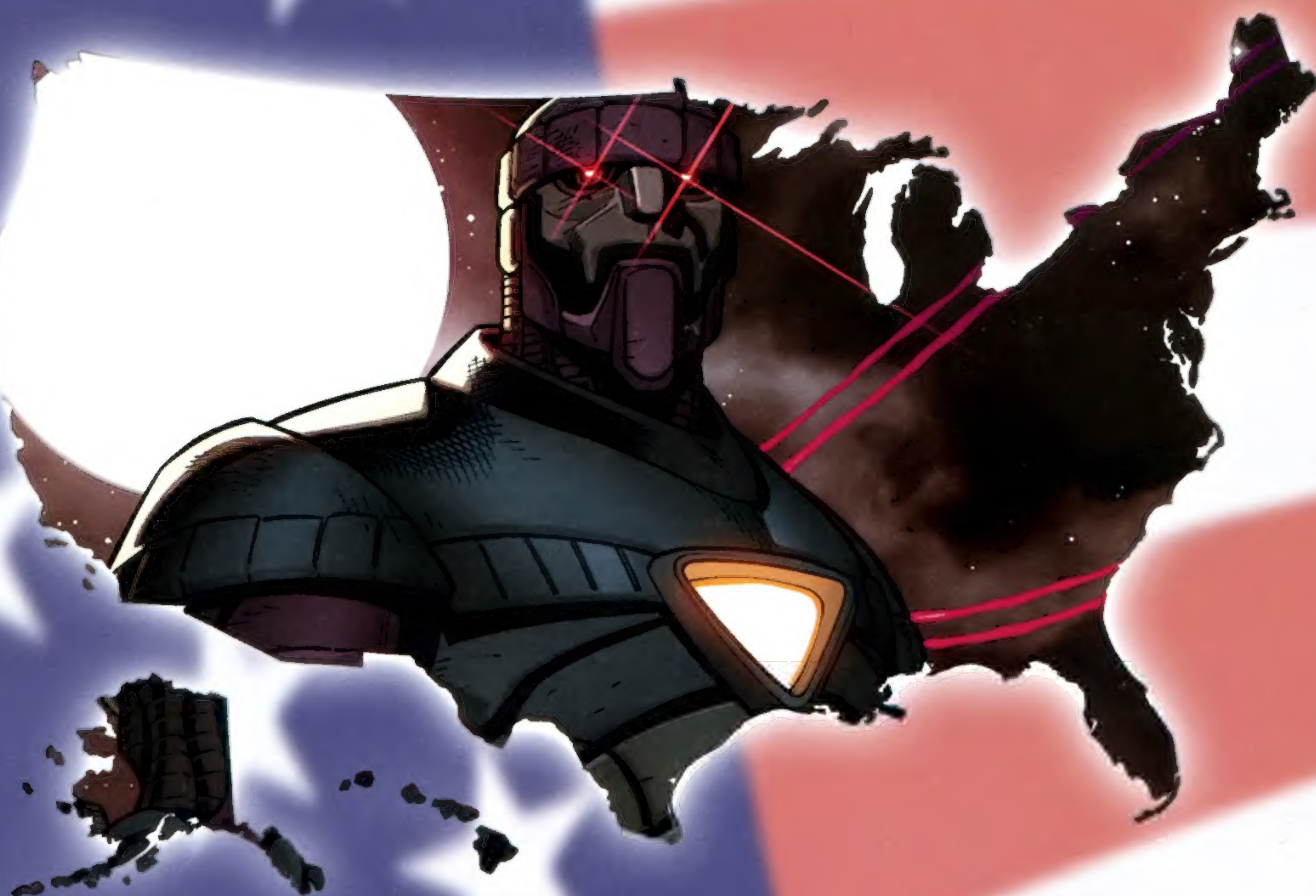
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GENETIC
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HAIR COLOR: BROWN
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LIVING IN A WORLD WHERE MUTANTS ARE HATED AND FEARED MORE THAN EVER, ONE GROUP OF YOUNG HEROES HAS BANDED TOGETHER TO FIGHT BACK.

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Mutants are outlawed.

Washington is decimated.

The U.S. government is in turmoil.

The Southwest is ruled by anti-mutant militias.

Armies of killer Sentinel robots patrol these seceded states.

But Kitty Pryde is gathering an army.

Ready to fight for mutants everywhere.

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[Anti-government militia hot spots]

Montana, N. Dakota, S. Dakota, Wyoming, Idaho, Arizona, New Mexico, N. Carolina, S. Carolina, Georgia

[Eastern seaboard control zone]

New England, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Washington, D.C., Maryland, Virginia

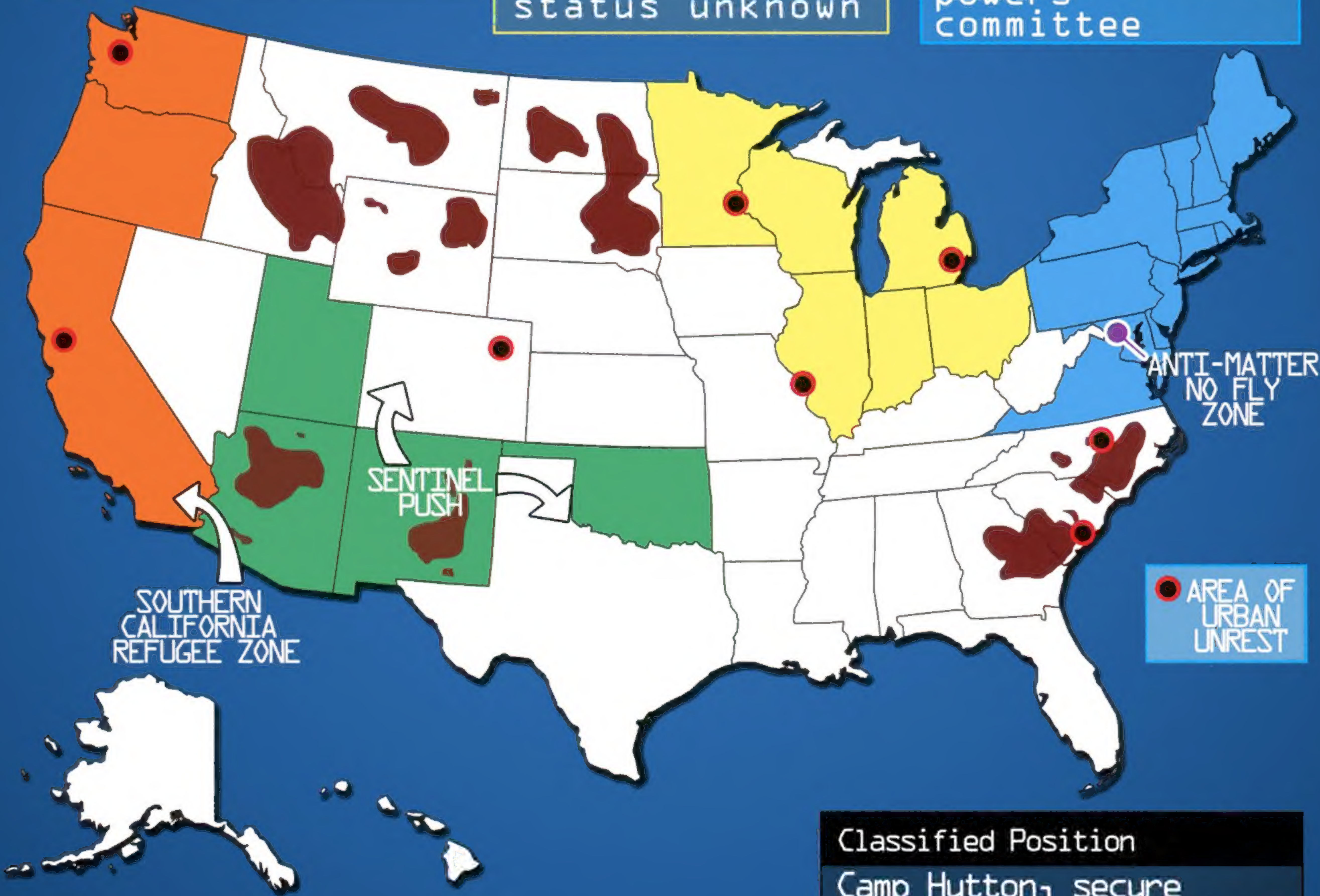
[the West Coast]

California, Oregon, Washington
declared independent state

[Great Lakes states]

Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio
status unknown

secured by National Guard under emergency powers committee



[Sentinel-controlled no-man's-land]

New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Oklahoma
abandoned by the U.S. government



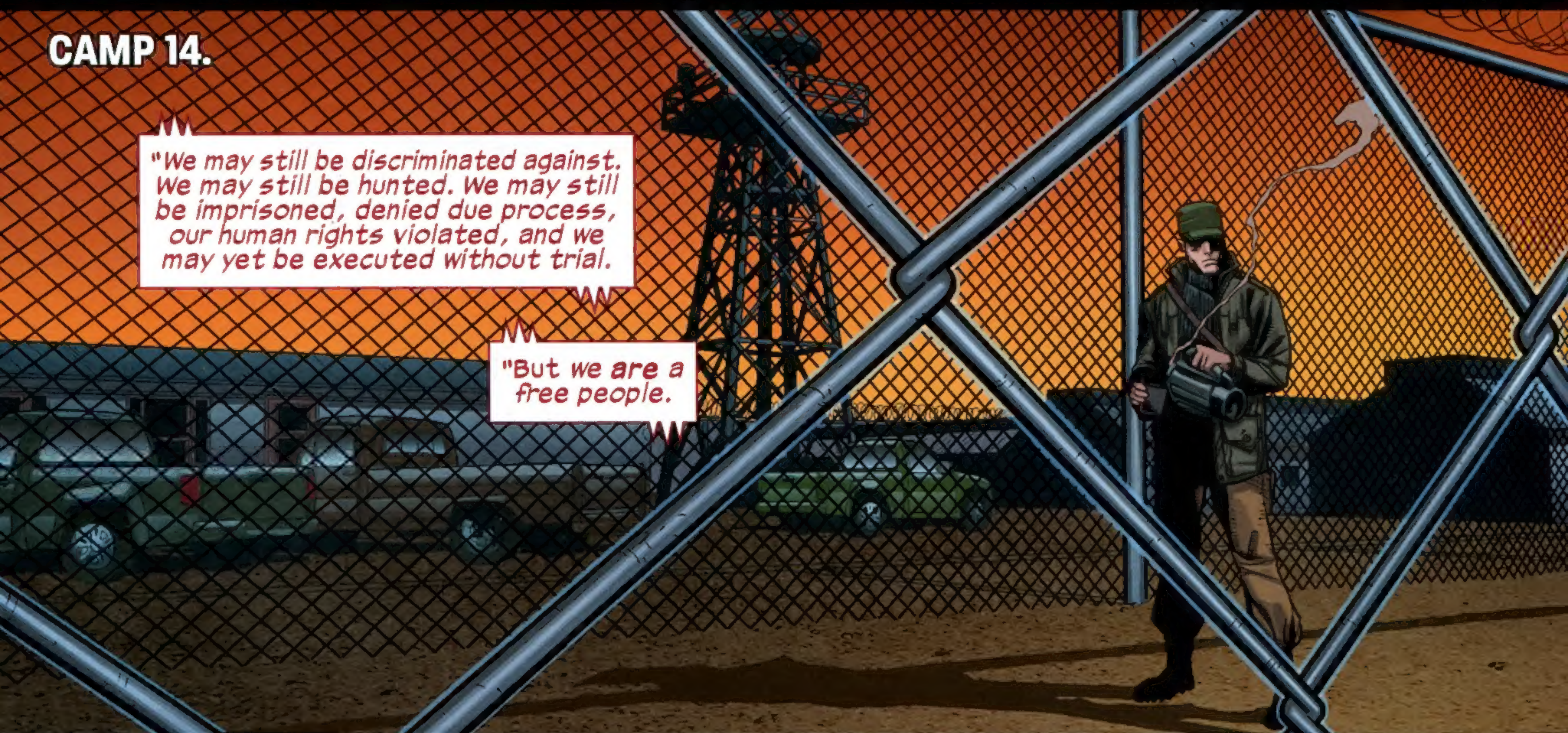
ALL STATES SHOWN IN WHITE ARE U.S. GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED ZONES

THE SOUTHWEST.



"My name is Kitty Pryde. Today, I and the rest of the mutant nation, declare ourselves a free people."

CAMP 14.



"We may still be discriminated against. We may still be hunted. We may still be imprisoned, denied due process, our human rights violated, and we may yet be executed without trial."

"But we are a free people."



"Today we no longer cower and hide. No longer will we lobby and beg for acceptance and equal treatment. We declare ourselves equal. We claim our human rights. Whether you accept us is irrelevant."

"Today we start defending ourselves. Today we stop running, and we turn and hold our ground. We hold what's ours."

INSIDE THE MUTANT BUNKER.

"In the Southwest states, the mutant population is at risk. It's here that our survival is most fragile, where our very survival is challenged."

"I call upon any mutant hearing these words to come to the Southwest states and join us."

"Our numbers are our best defense. We can support each other, we can strengthen our ranks. We can stand up to our enemies."

"No more hiding. My people and I used to live in tunnels under New York City. Now we take the fight to the enemy. We can drive the hate underground, and walk free in the open air."

"It's time to remember who we are. What we are."

"That we were born with inalienable rights..."

"...and must be respected."



"While it is not our intention to incite violence, violence may be inevitable."

"We will match any aggression with an equal and appropriate response, and no more than that."



"There has been enough fighting. The mutant cause is, ultimately, one of peaceful coexistence."



"The mutant nation recognizes that there are humans who believe in, and actively support, our push for equal standing and protection. We look to them as an example and inspiration."



"So let us continue to evolve together."

NEW YORK CITY.



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THE SEAR.



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THE SOUTHWEST.

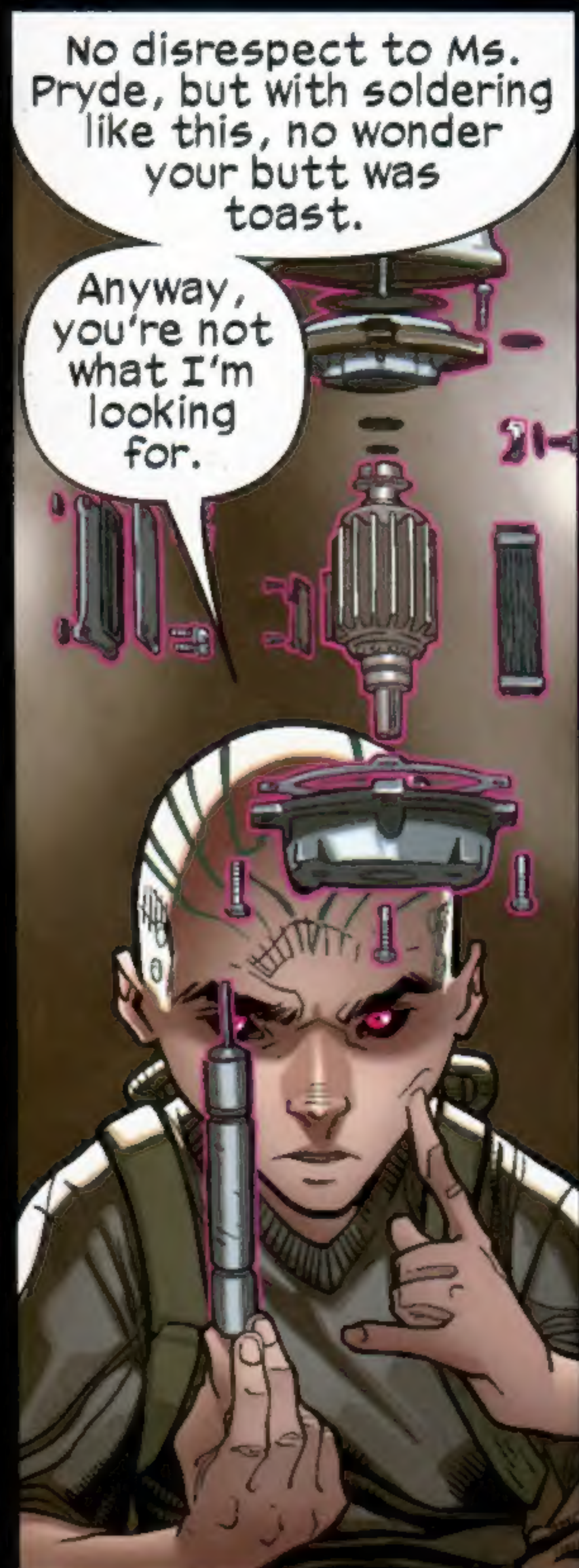


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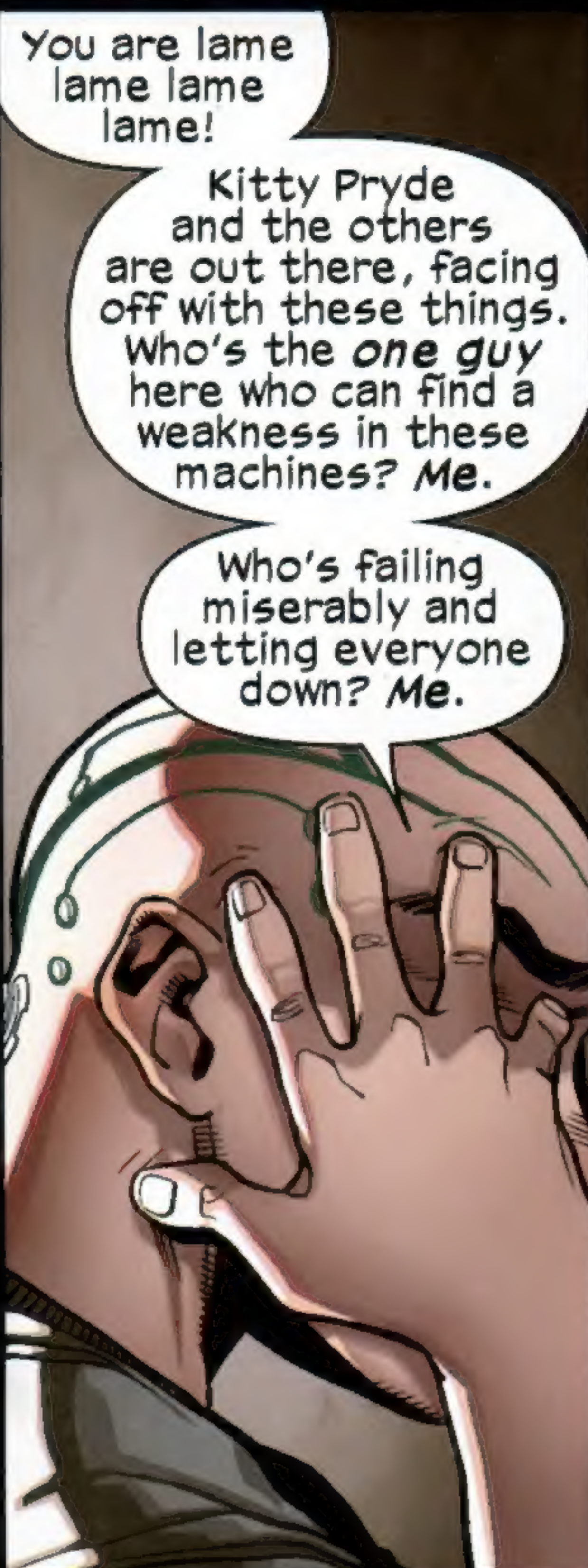
Come on, man, where's your *brain*...

...I know you got one.



No disrespect to Ms. Pryde, but with soldering like this, no wonder your butt was toast.

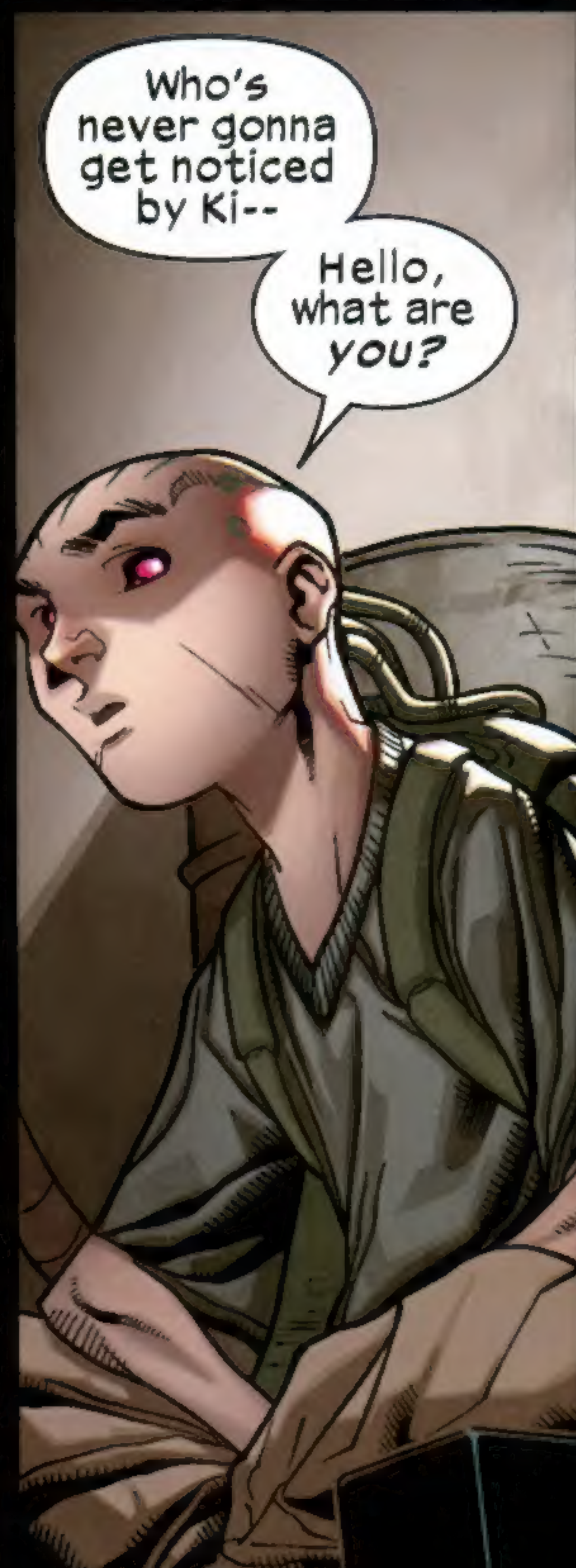
Anyway, you're not what I'm looking for.



You are lame lame lame lame!

Kitty Pryde and the others are out there, facing off with these things. Who's the *one* guy here who can find a weakness in these machines? *Me*.

Who's failing miserably and letting everyone down? *Me*.



Who's never gonna get noticed by Ki--

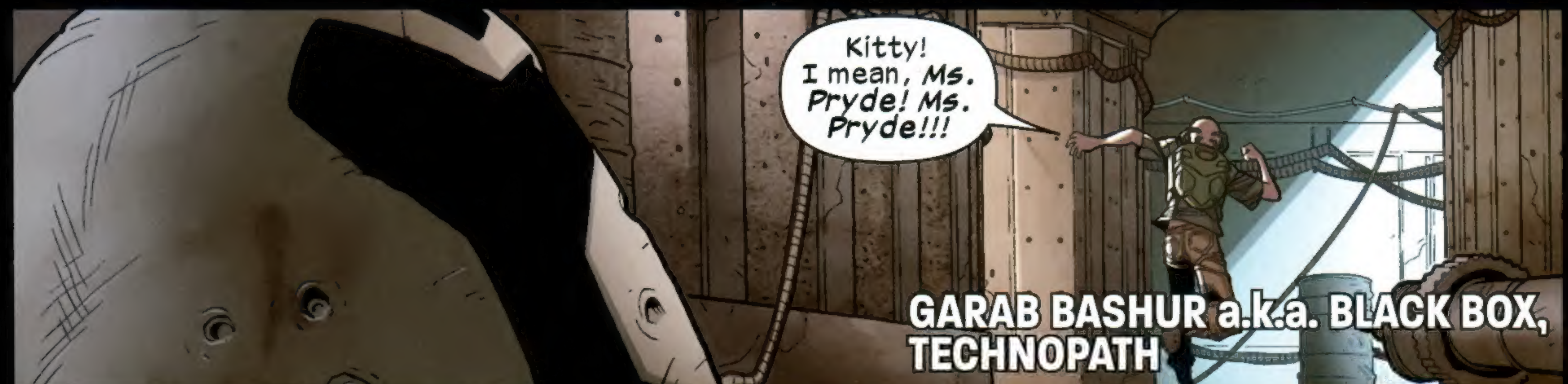
Hello, what are *you*?



You are oddly silent, my friend. No power signature, no hum, no inputs...

...but you are *busy*, transmitting data at an incredible speed. I--

Oh. Oh no.



Kitty! I mean, Ms. Pryde! Ms. Pryde!!!

GARAB BASHUR a.k.a. BLACK BOX, TECHNOPATH

JIMMY HUDSON,
COMMANDING "BLUE TEAM"
MOVING IN ON STRYKER CAMP
ZONE DESIGNATION 14



Incoming Humvees.
Plural.

If we're gonna
have a shot at
this, we can't have
reinforcements arriving
in the middle of it. This
is a *problem*,
people...

ppfft!
On it.



Here,
cowpoke, hold
this...

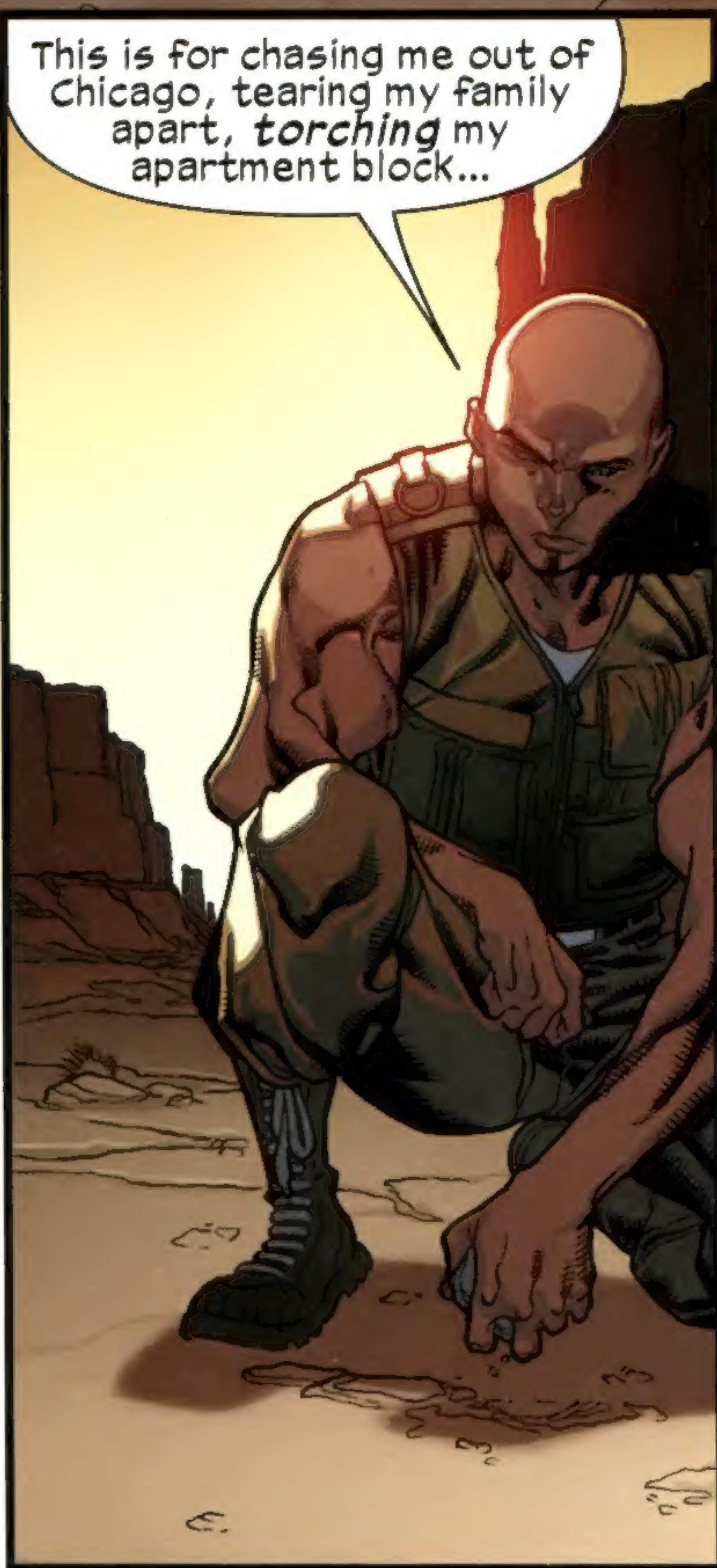
SHOLA INKOSE,
OLD SCHOOL COMBAT
TELEKINETIC

...I'm
gonna do this
holistic.





This is for chasing me out of Chicago, tearing my family apart, *torching* my apartment block...

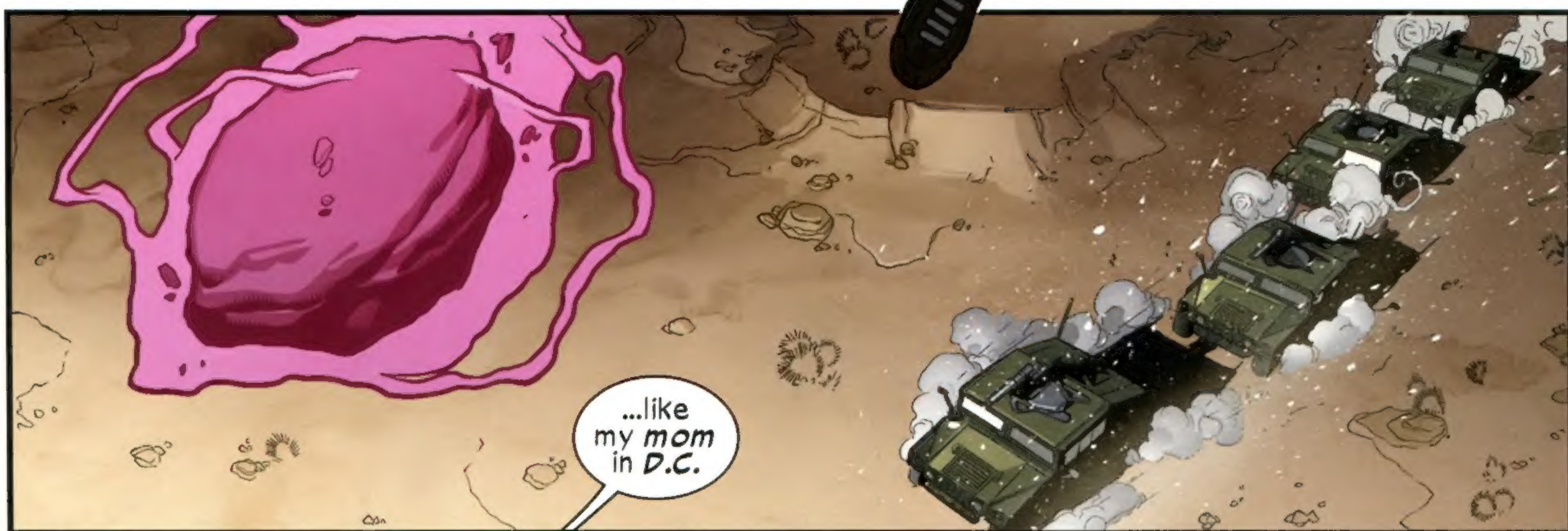


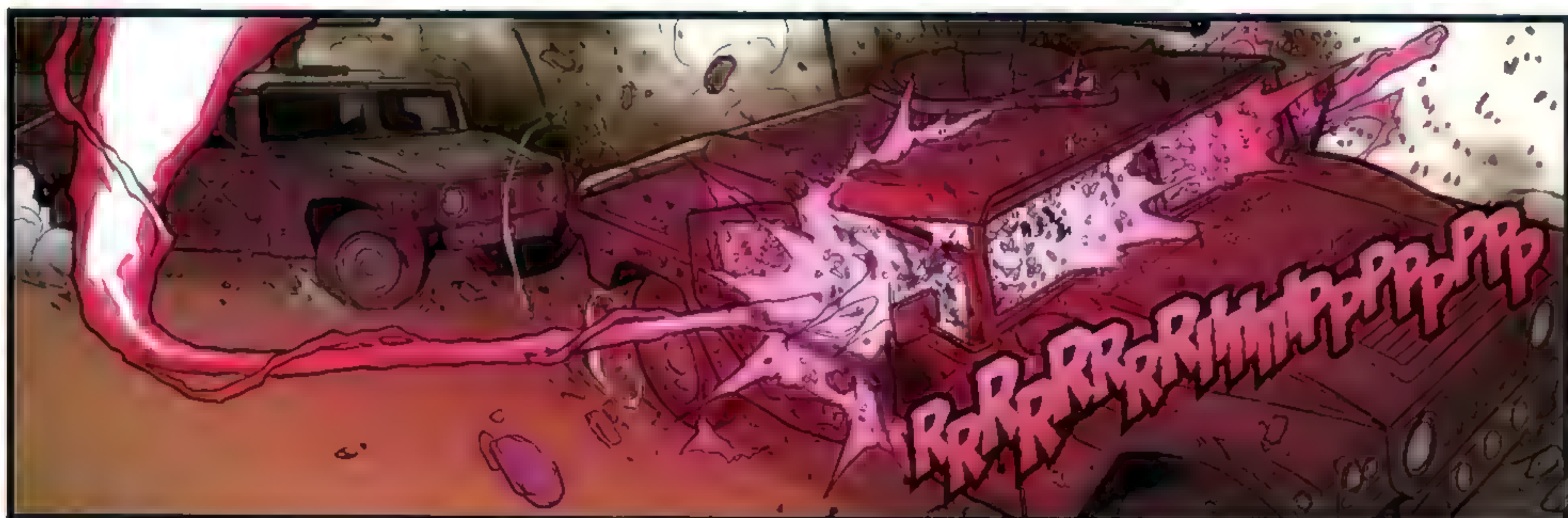
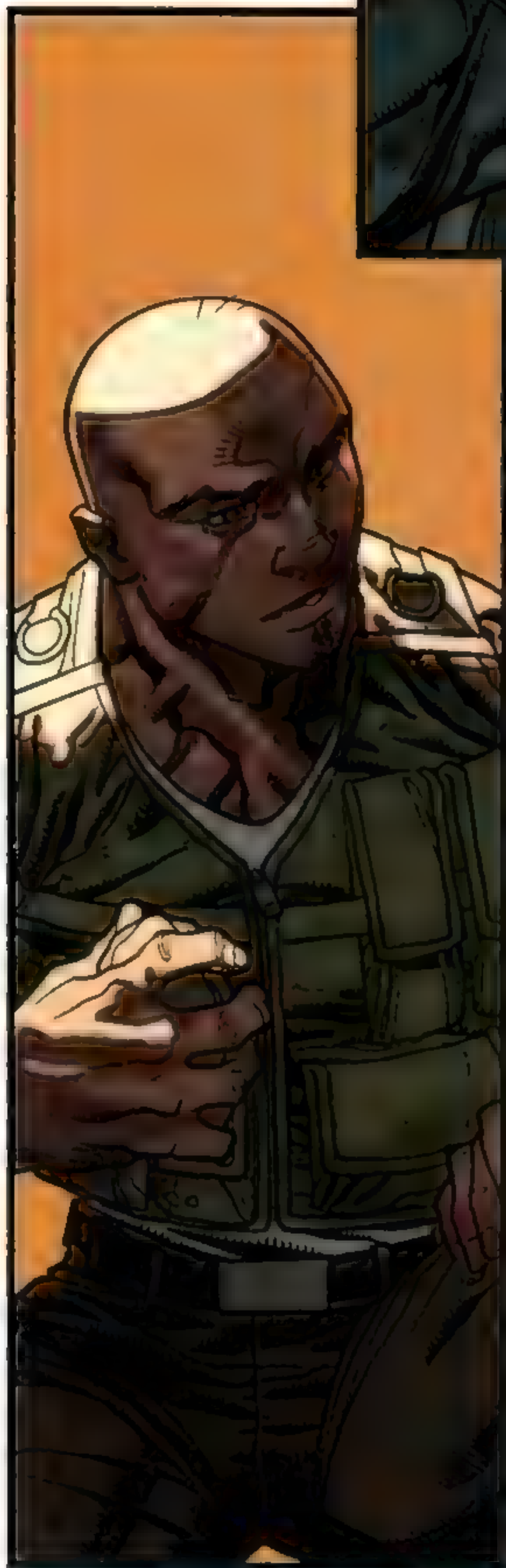
...I'm done running from people like you. Consider this *payback* for every mutant you hurt and killed...



...and every human who suffered as "*collateral damage*"...

...like my *mom* in *D.C.*





FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER.

Blue team to Fury.

Fury, go.

Um, yeah, so we took out a **convoy**, buncha militia pukes heading to camp 14. We got prisoners, some wounded, **all** of them hostile.

...So what now?

Good job, Blue team.

Drop a GPS pin, I can call in for an extraction. We're not set up to take on P.O.W.'s.

You said it was a **convoy**? That mean vehicles? Any of them usable?

No, actually. I think we'll have to leave them behind.

One more thing, we made a serious racket out here, like, sonic boom-level noise, and **anyone** can see these smoke plumes for ten, twenty miles easy.

Safe to say camp 14's on alert.

Next time, Blue. We could use some wheels out here...

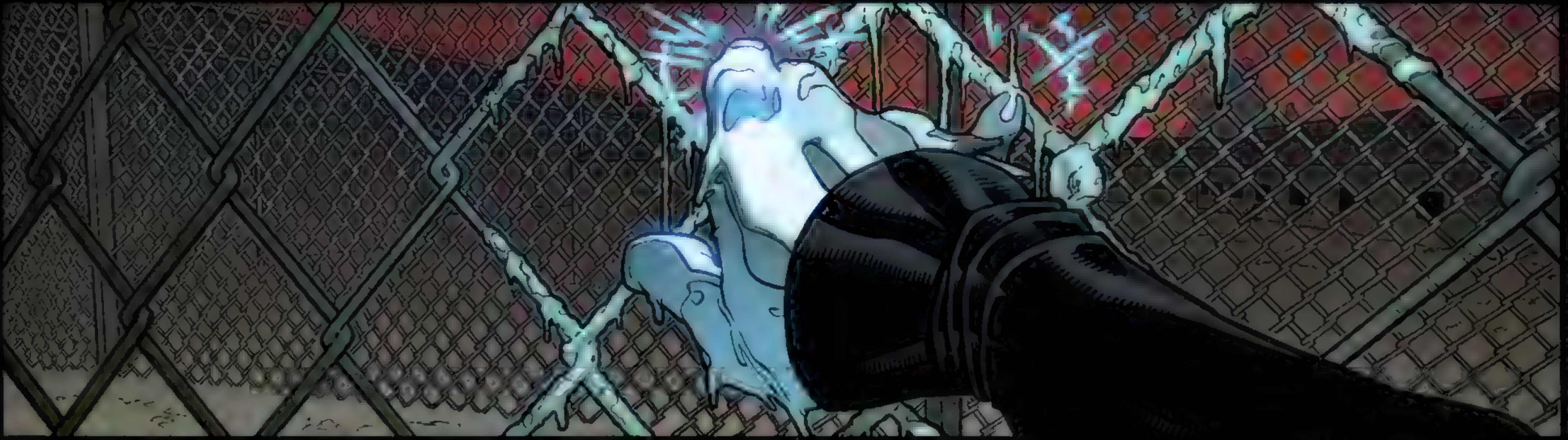
Whatever.

Gold team's moving in now...

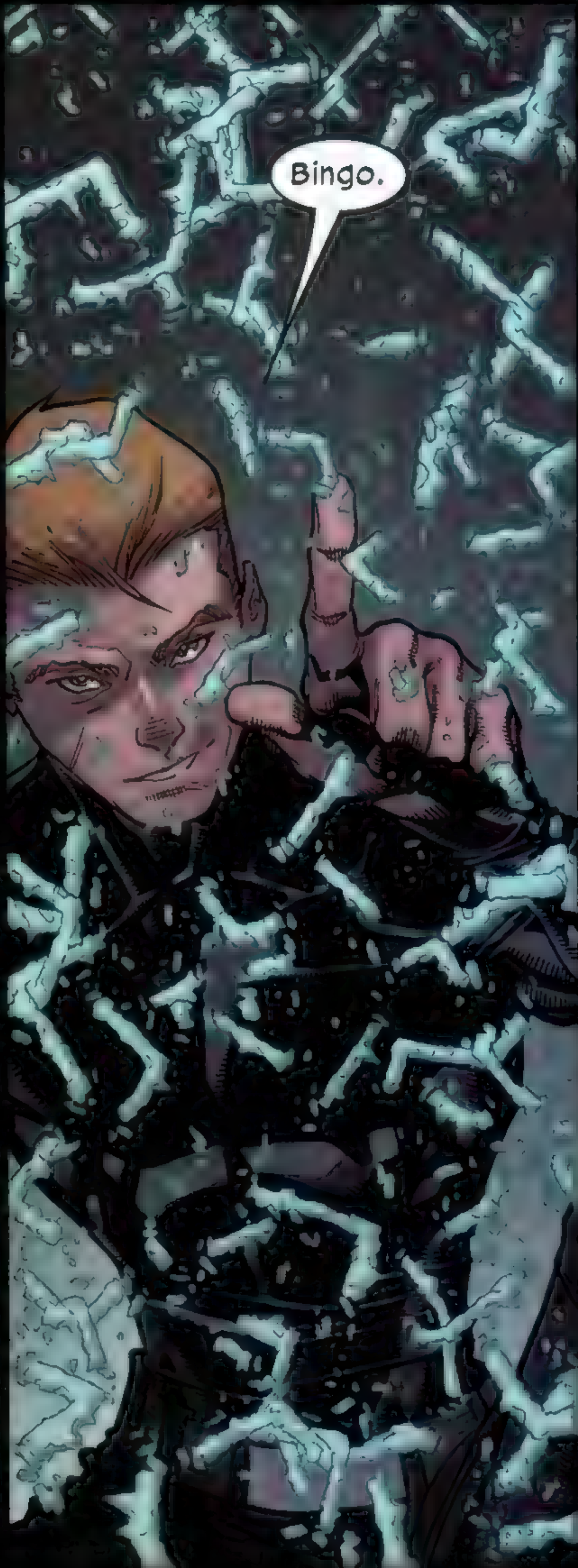
**BOBBY DRAKE,
COMMANDING "GOLD TEAM"
STRYKER CAMP 14**

We could never cut these fences...A mutant I knew with iron teeth tried to bite her way through, but no luck...

Watch...



Bingo.



Neat trick!

Thanks.



**PAIGE GUTHRIE a.k.a. HUSK,
TRANSITIONAL OMNI-MORPH ENVIRONMENTAL
MIMIC (UNPLEASANT "SHEDDING" SIDE EFFECT)**

Gold team, this is Base.



Heads up, Jimmy's run into some trouble. It's a safe bet that camp will mobilize security.

Copy, Base. All quiet here.

Wait...



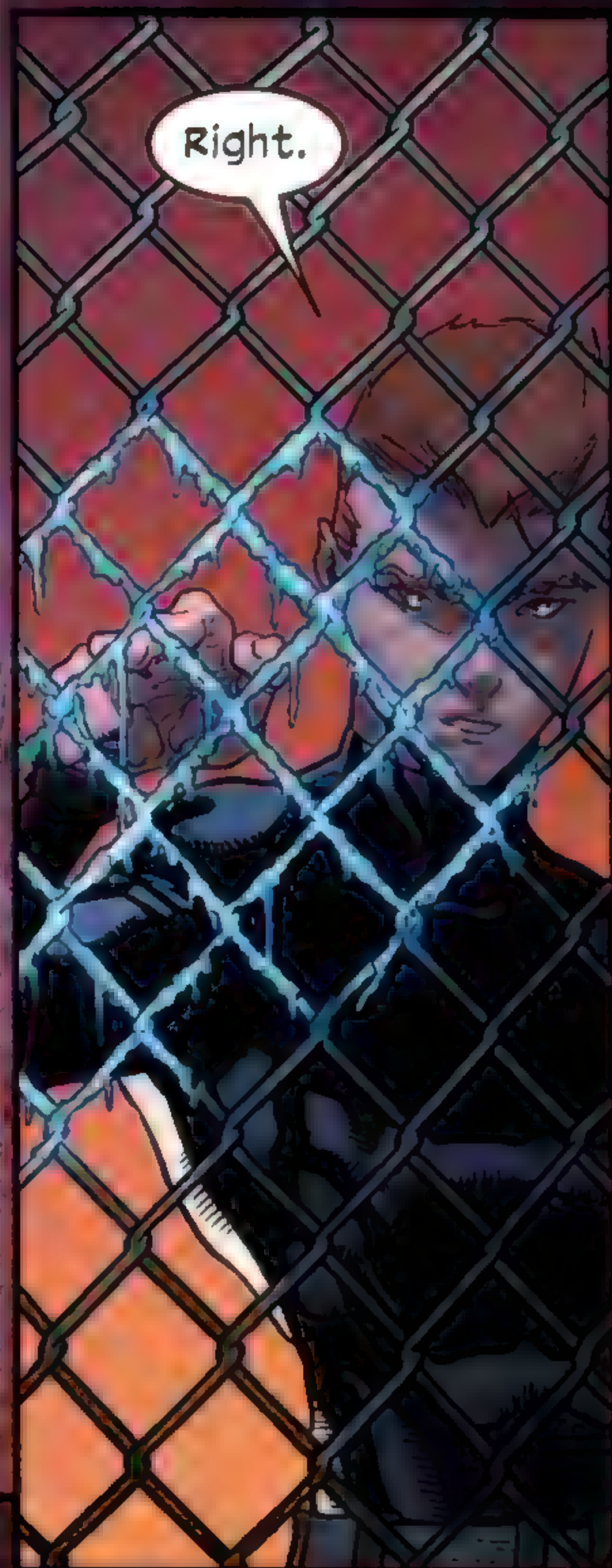


Two Nimrods!
Heading west!

Copy,
Gold. Stand
by--

Let's go,
Bobby!

Right.



No one's
here!

Everything's
underground. Lots
of automated
defenses. Get
behind me.

Wait...

You haven't
seen these camps.
It'll be rough. Just
warning you...

Pretty
sure it *is*.

Can't be
worse than New
York City.

Get
ready...





Why are you turning metal?

You'll see.



Autoguns! Stay behind me.

Can you freeze out the locks?

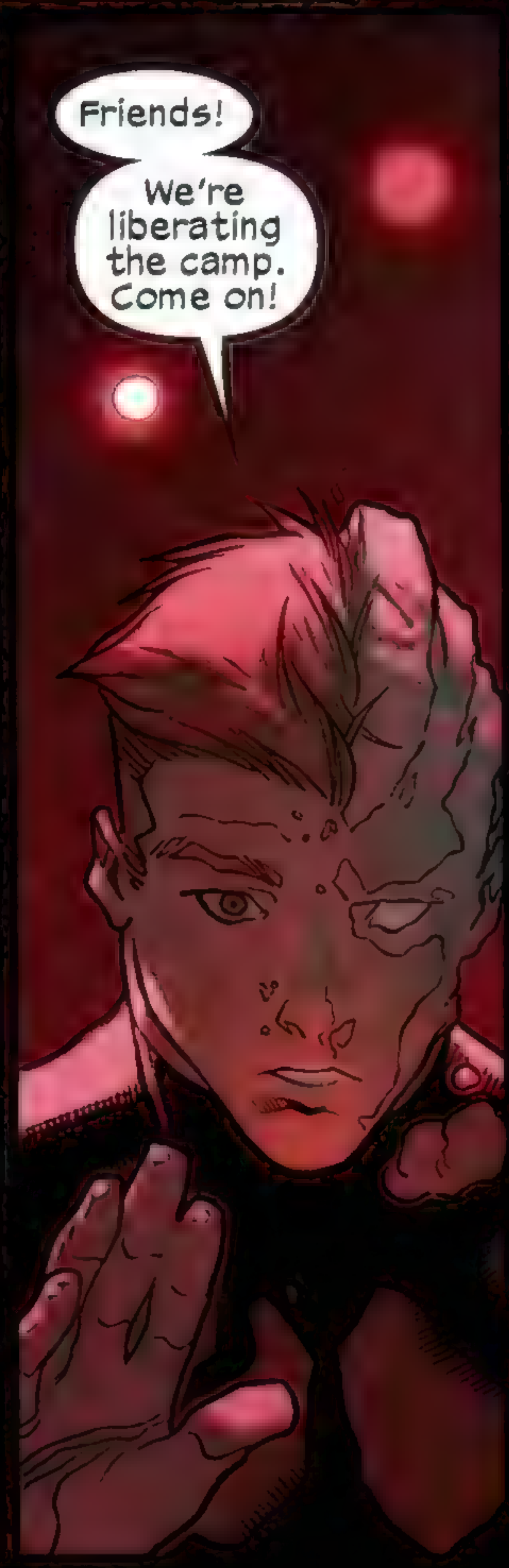


Easy.



Hey, come with us!

Who are you??

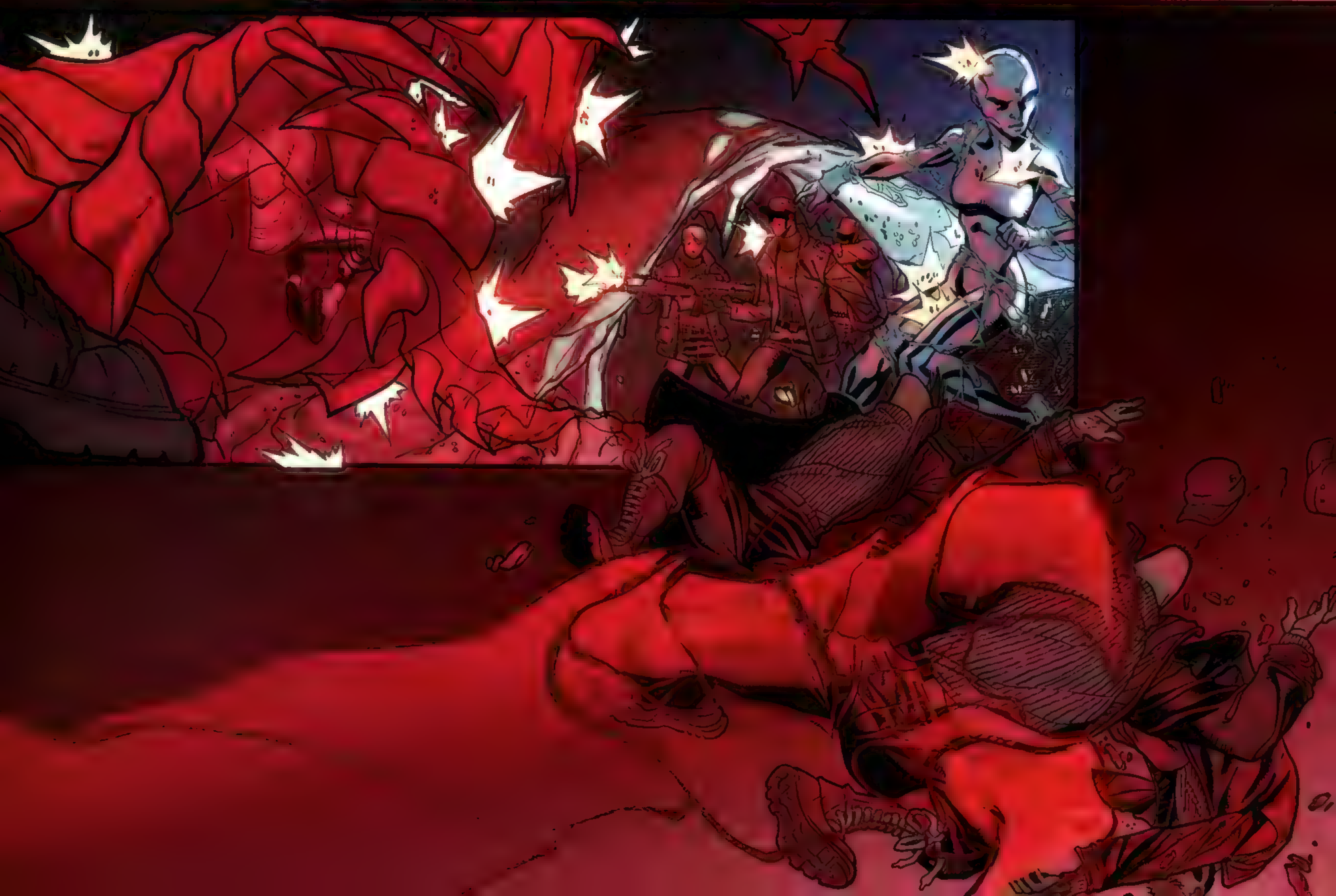


Friends!

We're liberating the camp. Come on!



You're mutants?!



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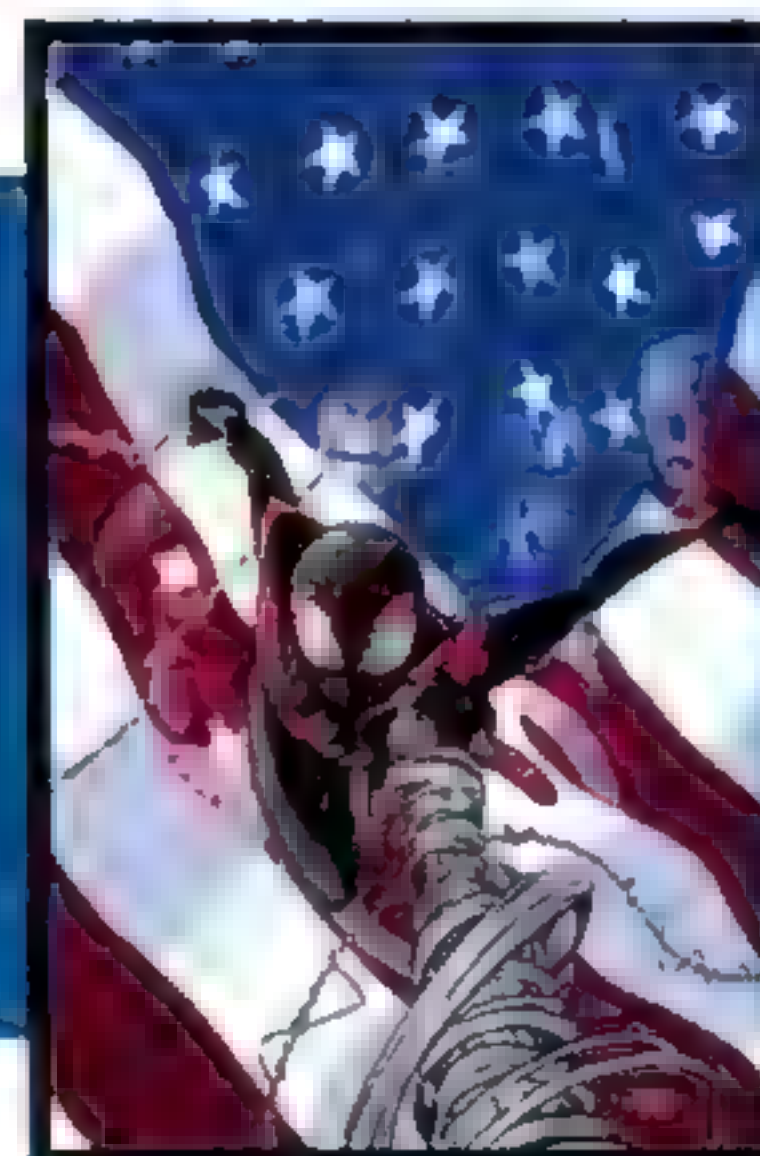
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By nightfall Stryker Camp 14 was controlled by mutants.

Bobby and Husk freed the prisoners and disabled the psychic restraints, inhibitors and controls that kept the mutants subdued, but in half the cases it seems like the mutants could have rebelled any time they wanted.

So why didn't they?

Fear, I guess.

I didn't think there was any point in fighting back. We're *mutants*, you know? They dehumanized us.



But seeing Husk and Bobby walk through gunfire to reach them...

...And Jimmy Hudson and his team coming back from killing two Nimrods, looking untouchable, it got the message across.



We can fight back.



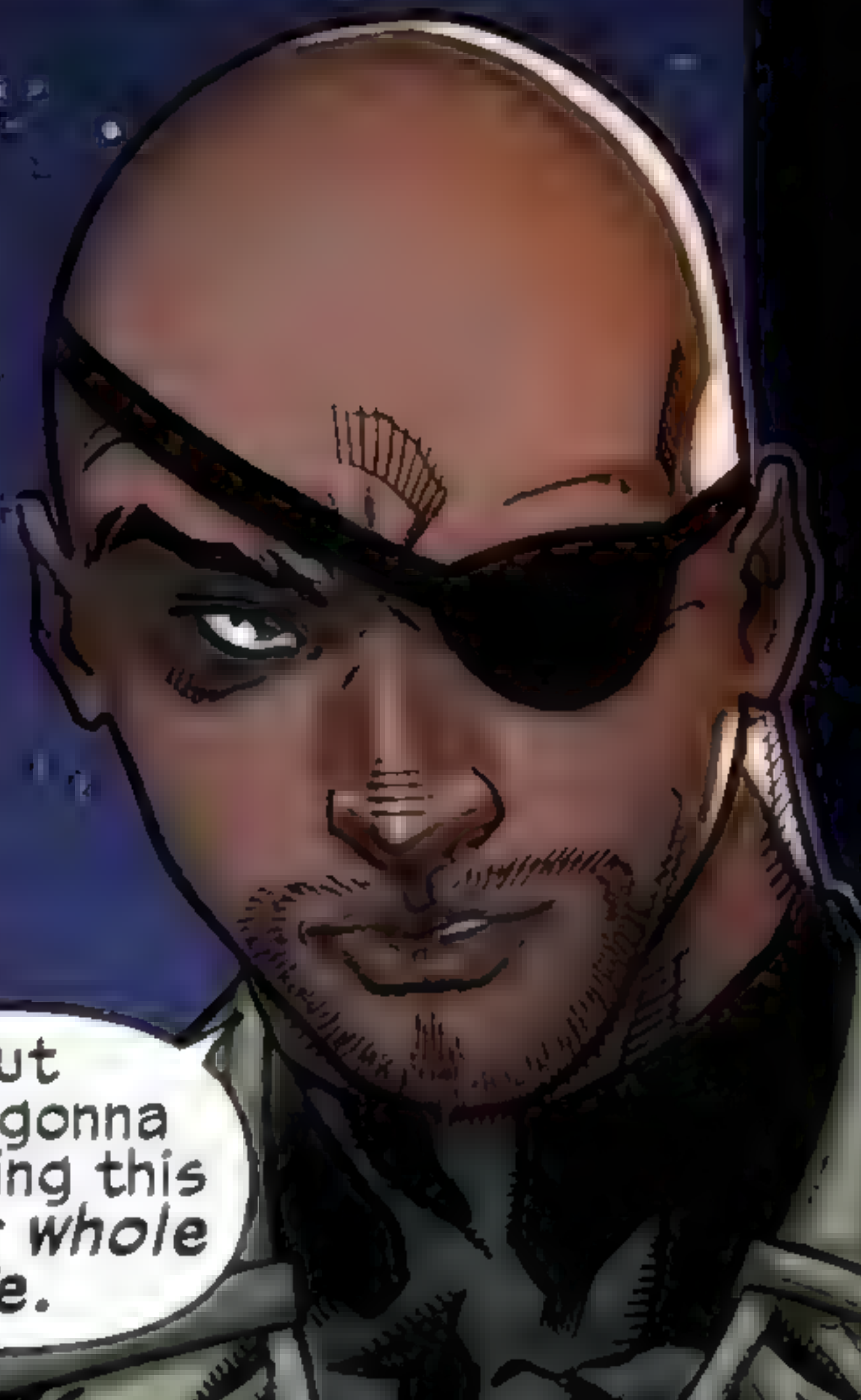
Hi, General! You were right, we can do this!




Kid, you can win a battle or two...

NICK FURY, GLOBAL OPERATIVE

...but you're gonna be fighting this war your *whole* life.

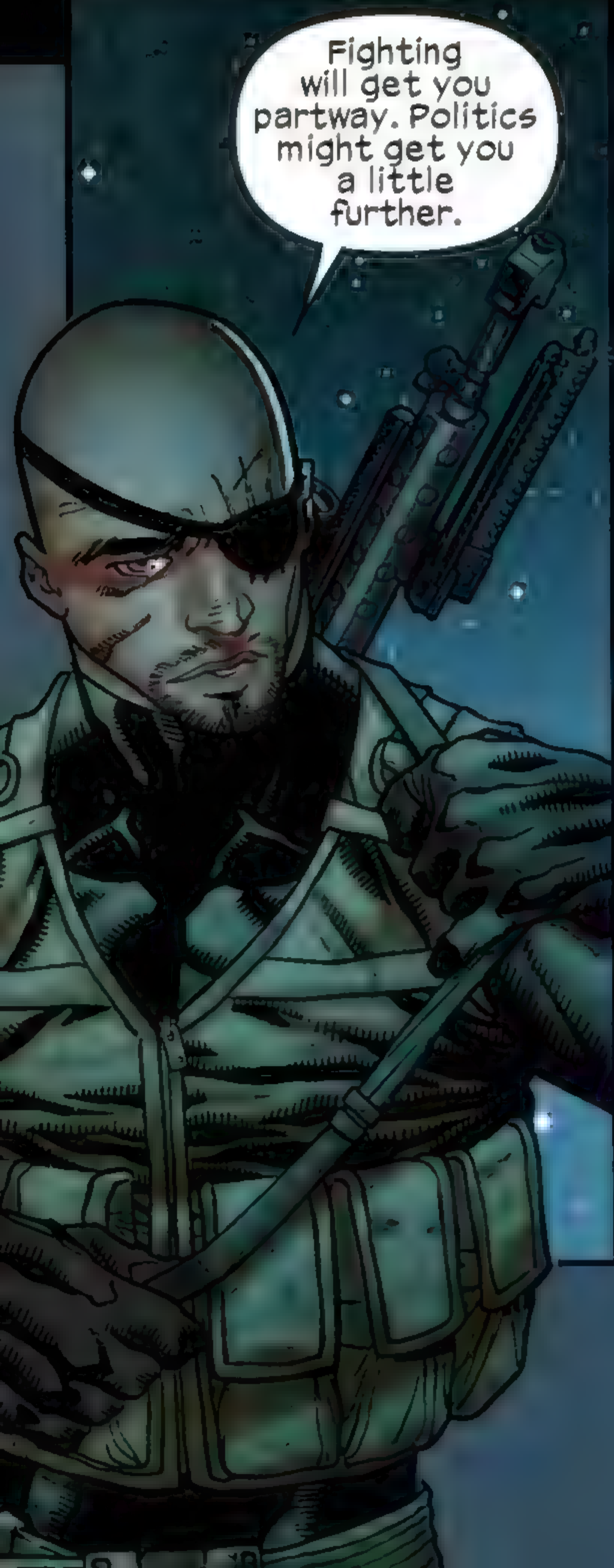




What
do you
mean?

I just want
you to understand
the reality of the
bigger picture. No
one's calling it a war,
but this is a war.
**America's
at war.**

We're
working on all
that, right? We
have real
momentum
here...



Fighting
will get you
partway. Politics
might get you
a little
further.




Just
warning you.

This is from
General Fury,
the warrior?

Fury, the
realist. I've
been around
too long to
be anything
else. I'm
just saying,
Ms. Pryde...

Sometimes
reaching peace
takes more time
and compromise
than just
bullets.



Time will
come when you'll
need to put the
gun down.

Then
what?

Kitty!



Kitty!



Oh.

It's
okay...Gareb,
right?

Yeah.
I usually go by
Black Box. I'm sorry to
barge in, I've just been
looking for you for *hours*.



Black Box's been
dissecting the
Nimrod head.

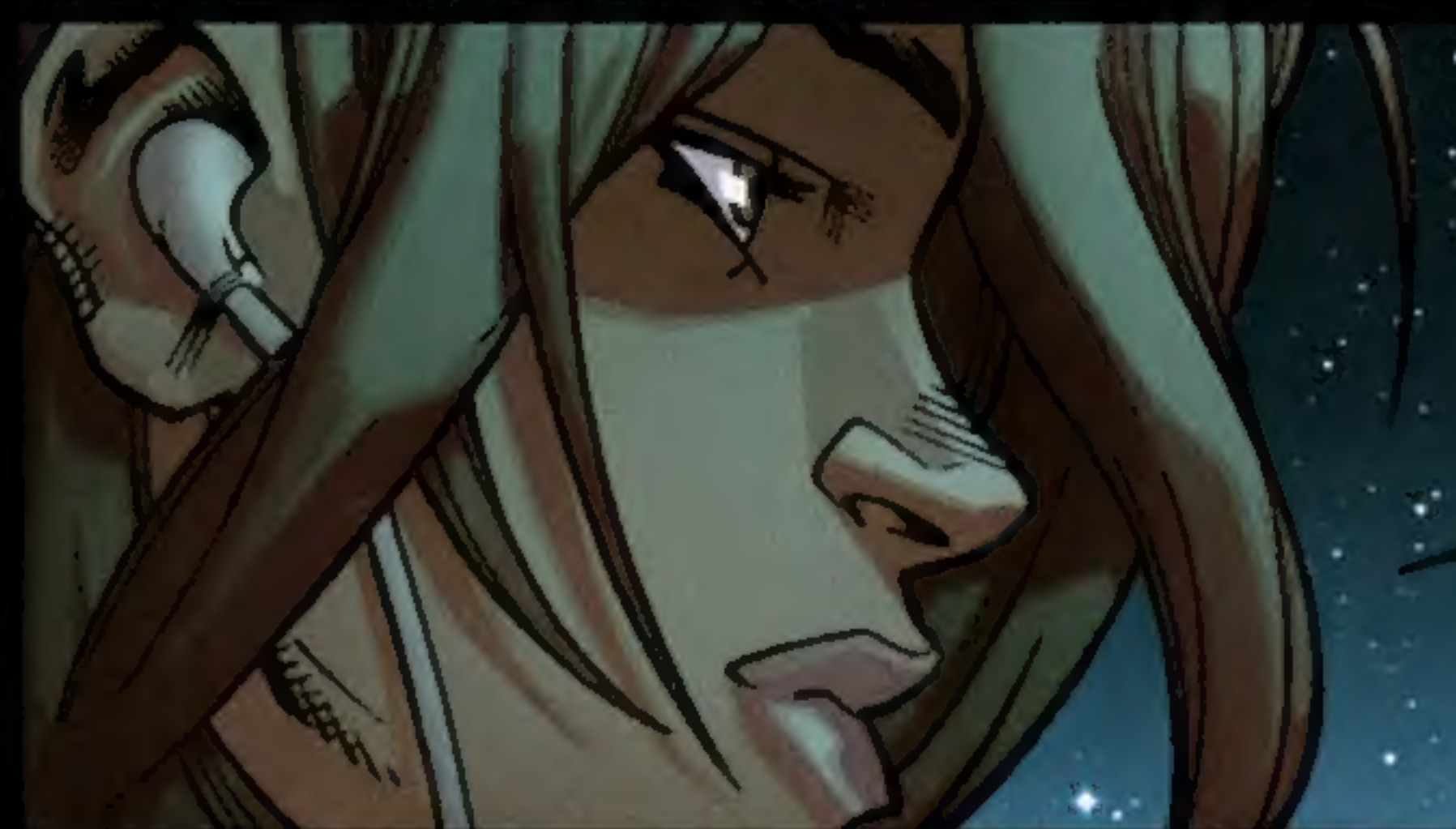
Well, you
found us, so
what's the
news?

Listen to
this. I found
a device in the
head of that thing,
and it was
transmitting
a signal.



I wrote a little script to
convert the binary signals
into English. Sorry for the
stock machine vocalization,
I didn't have time for
anything more refined.

You said
the head was
transmitting
this?



...
What I'm
hearing...This is
all stuff we said.
Days ago. It
was **recording**
us?

Hours of
conversation,
yeah, and sending
it off. Presumably
to some sort of
central
command?



Fury to *all*
teams, all points.
Prepare for attack, all
hands to defensive
positions.

CAMP 14, NEWLY LIBERATED.



Why they haven't attacked yet is beyond me.

But when they come, they'll come in force. Maybe you'll get your chance at peace sooner than I thought.

KAREN GRANT AT THE SEAR.



System, get me everything you have on Kitty Pryde, all known associates, all recent activity. Voice print authorization: Karen Grant.

The SEAR is the true home of the mutant population. Let's see what we can do about this "manifesto" of hers...

IN THE MUTANT BUNKER.



Quentin, do you hear *warning sirens*?

Ignore them, Rogue. Focus. This will just take a minute.



FURY TO
ALL TEAMS. ALL
POINTS!

PREPARE
FOR ATTACK

DEFENSIVE
POSITIONS

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